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Re: Application of:	Volker MARKS
Serial No.:	To Be Assigned
Filed:	Herewith
For:	DISHWASHER HAVING A WATER SOFTENER WITH A SALT CONTAINER LOCATED IN THE DISHWASHER DOOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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March 10, 2004

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.


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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	AB	1 0 2 0 4 5 48	Aug. 14, 2003	DE-Germany			(discussed in specification)	
	AC	4 1 0 0 0 6 7	Jun. 4, 1992	DE-Germany			Abstract	
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